

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 777

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Madison McMahan,
2008 Valedictorian of Sevier County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Madison McMahan is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Madison has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. McMahan has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities, including Beta Club, National Honor Society, Sevierville Teen Board, Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership, the Volunteer Girls State, the Broyhill Leadership Conference, the Papa Bear Program, and the Big Bear, Little Bear Program; and

WHEREAS, her astute performance in the classroom and many laudable talents have garnered Ms. McMahan several awards, including the Soccer Academic Award, the Coach's Purple Heart Award, the Best Personality senior superlative, the Super Sevierian for the Class of 2008 Award, and the Principal's Leadership Award; she has also won recognition as the Freshman Football Homecoming Princess and the Sophomore Football Homecoming Princess; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Madison rendered sterling service as a Student Government Association Senator, President-elect, and President, and as a SACS Student

Representative, Co-Director of the Sevier Sports Saturday broadcast, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Recruiter, Host of the Veterans Day Program, Host for Career/College Day, and as a Guide for Eighth Grade Visitation; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, she has donated her time and energies to a number of volunteer service projects and community organizations, including Toys for Tots and Teens, Hot Meals for Hungry Hearts, Smoky's Closet, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park clean-up; she has also volunteered extensively with spiritual organizations such as Younglife, Windy Gap, Compassion Adoption, and the First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Madison's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at Belmont University, where she will study under the auspices of the University Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMahan's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Kimberly and David McMahan, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Madison McMahan's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Madison McMahan, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.